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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, as follows:

-- The present invention is related to United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/538,670, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Allocating Functional Units in a Multithreaded Very Large Instruction Word Processor," ~~Attorney Docket Number (Berenbaum 7-2-3-3)~~; United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/538,669, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Releasing Functional Units in a Multithreaded Very Large Instruction Word Processor," ~~Attorney Docket Number (Berenbaum 8-3-4-4)~~; and United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/538,757, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Identifying Splittable Packets in a Multithreaded Very Large Instruction Word Processor," ~~Attorney Docket Number (Berenbaum 10-5-6-6)~~; each filed contemporaneously herewith, assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated by reference herein.--